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Attorney General Greg Stumbo Announces Bowling Green Child Sexual Predator Sting

On October 22, 2007, Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced the arrests of 7 sexual predators, including a former Indiana law enforcement employee, who were caught in a child sexual predator sting in Bowling Green. During the sting operation from October 18-21, 2007, seven men, ages 24 to 41, drove to a home in Bowling Green intending to victimize an innocent child. The men came from Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana. Upon arriving at the sting location, the predators came face to face with Kentucky law enforcement, NBC's "To Catch A Predator" host Chris Hansen and volunteers from Perverted Justice, a public watchdog group.

The seven cases from the most recent sting are being prosecuted by Chris Cohron, the Warren Commonwealth's Attorney, who was joined by Warren County Sheriff Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines' office in supporting the sting. Following are the men caught and arrested in the sting operation:

- Michael J. Patterson, 24, a former Indiana law enforcement employee drove over 350 miles to the sting location. Patterson was in possession of a loaded weapon.
- John W. Elliott, 39, drove from Marshall County, Kentucky. Elliott is employed with a national window manufacturer.
- Jeremy T. West, 27, Springfield,

- Tennessee. He is a Springfield, Tennessee city worker.
- Lorne L. Armstrong, 37, drove over 80 miles from Nashville, Tennessee. Armstrong is an equipment operator.
- James T. Fowler, 34, drove 96 miles from Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
 Fowler is a construction worker.
- Richard M. Watwood, 41, drove 66 miles from Hermitage, Tennessee.
 Watwood is employed as factory worker.
- Dustin McPhetridge, 26, traveled over 210 miles from Kingsport, Tennessee. McPhetridge is a DVD salesman and computer repairman.

Each perpetrator was charged with attempted unlawful transaction with a minor, under age 16, a Class C Felony. If convicted, each man faces 5-10 years in prison. All defendants are presumed innocent

Previous successful sting operations were held in Louisville with eight arrests and in Northern Kentucky where fourteen men were taken into custody. Over thirty additional cases have been referred to the United States Attorneys Office for further review.

Press Release at: http://tinyurl.com/2uwczj

Photos are available at: http://tinyurl.com/2xzu9m

Internet Safety Tips—Think Twice Before Forwarding E-mails

Did you know that forwarding e-mails can put you and your friends at risk?

Forwarding is the act of sending a received e-mail message to others, usually without editing it. E-mails should not be indiscriminately forwarded for several reasons:

- 1. When you forward e-mail, you can be giving out personal information such as the e-mail address of the person who sent it to you, as well as any others in the original list of recipients.
- Indiscriminate forwarding of e-mail can also be considered to be spamming. Make sure the e-mail you send has a point. If you have to forward something, make sure you know the complete contents of the e-mail including any attachments; and do not include the e-mail addresses of anyone else.
- 3. Once you forward an e-mail, the recipient may forward it, too, which provides your e-mail address to strangers. Share this newsletter with your friends so they too will know how to safely forward e-mails. If you want to send information that you received in an e-mail to a friend:
- Copy the specific content that you want to send on to your friend (highlight the text and then click "Ctrl C").
- Open a new mail message window.
- Paste the specific content into your new message (click in the body of the e-mail and click "Ctrl V").

Address and send your e-mail.

Source: The I-Educator Times, October 2007, i-Safe http://tinyurl.com/37sxns

Ten Commandments Of Computer Ethics

- **1.** Thou Shalt Not Use A Computer To Harm Other People.
- **2.** Thou Shalt Not Interfere With Other People's Computer Work.
- **3.** Thou Shalt Not Snoop Around In Other People's Computer Files.
- **4.** Thou Shalt Not Use A Computer To Steal.
- **5.** Thou Shalt Not Use A Computer To Bear False Witness.
- **6.** Thou Shalt Not Copy Or Use Proprietary Software For Which You Have Not Paid.
- 7. Thou Shalt Not Use Other People's Computer Resources Without Authorization Or Proper Compensation.
- **8.** Thou Shalt Not Appropriate Other People's Intellectual Output.
- **9.** Thou Shalt Think About The Social Consequences Of The Program You Are Writing Or The System You Are Designing.
- **10.** Thou Shalt Always Use A Computer In Ways That Insure Consideration And Respect For Your Fellow Humans.

Source: i-Educator Times, October 2007, i-Safe © Copyright 1992 Computer Ethics Institute

Internet Education Updates Office of the Attorney General

Federal Medical Center, Lexington, Kentucky—On October 3, 2007, an i-Parent Program was presented to approximately 30 employees of the Federal Medical Center, the federal prison located in Lexington. The program was requested to educate their staff about cybersafety and how they can protect their own children from internet predators.



Presenting to staff at the Federal Medical Center is Lori Farris, Internet Safety Educator, with the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division.

Ohio County High School, Hartford, Kentucky—On October 25, 2007, staff from the Consumer Protection Division and the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation conducted an i-Assembly program at Ohio County High School. Approximately 1,200 students attended the program which consisted of one assembly for 9th and 10th grade students and one for 11th and 12th grade students.

Lori Farris, Consumer Protection, and Amanda Murphy-Sanders, Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, spoke to students at Ohio County High School.



Internet Education Updates, OAG (Cont.)

Burgin Independent School, Burgin, Kentucky—On October 29, 2007, staff from the Consumer Protection Division conducted an i-Assembly for approximately 200 students (middle and high school) at Burgin Independent School as part of Stop the Violence Week.



Speaking to students at Burgin Independent School is Lori Farris, Internet Safety Educator, with the Consumer Protection Division.

PREVENT ILLEGAL DOWNLOADING—Illegal downloading and piracy is common among students. Many young people base this behavior on ignorance of the consequences. By taking part in the i-SAFE program, young people learn that the impact of illegal downloading has a negative impact on others, especially the creative people whose talent they so enjoy. i-SAFE student assessments taken after the program result in:

- 67% have a better understanding of what is legal to download,
- 66% believe that someone is harmed if they download music without paying for it,
- 60% said they were now more likely to use legal online stores for downloading music.

Source: i-EDUCATOR Times, November 2007

Recording Industry Wins Jury Verdict Accused File Sharer Must Pay \$220,000

October 4, 2007—A Minnesota woman must pay \$220,000 to six of the top music labels after a federal jury found on Thursday that she violated their copyright. Accused of encouraging the illegal sharing of more than 1,700 songs, Jammie Thomas elected to fight it out with the recording industry instead of settling out of court for far less money. Thomas was ordered to pay \$9,250 for each of the 24 songs that the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) concentrated on. The decision is important in that it sends a message to file sharers that Internet anonymity won't protect them from lawsuits. The recording industry has claimed that Internet piracy has

cost the industry billions of dollars. The RIAA has always said that suing individuals is a last resort. The group battles file sharing through a combination of tactics, including educational programs and taking legal action against sites that help file sharers locate unauthorized music files. When the RIAA does sue individuals, any money it receives from settlements and judgments are generally reinvested into the group's anti-piracy program.

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/2vd42d

PARENTS WORRY BUT DON'T STOP KIDS' INTERNET USE

According to a survey by market researcher Harris Interactive, 71 percent of parents of children aged six through 18 years of age admitted their child had encountered at least one "issue" with the Internet, such as bad language, sex or advertising, within the past year. However, they are not stopping their kids' Internet use. The survey of 411 parents also reported that four out of five parents said the Internet helped their children in school, and only 31 percent of parents said their children spent too much time online. Rather than banning or restricting Internet access, parents were found to be taking an active role in monitoring their children, with 93 percent

engaging in some type of monitoring activity. The survey also found that 74 percent of parents visited web sites with their children; 56 percent used a filter or blocking software; and 55 percent would visit a web site before their child. Additionally, 85 percent of parents have talked to their children about online safety. The survey was commissioned by Common Sense Media, an organization dedicated to improving the media for children and families, and Cable in the Classroom, the national education foundation of the U.S. cable industry.

Source: NAAG Cybercrime Newsletter, September-October 2007

POLL: USERS WRONG ABOUT HAVING COMPUTER SECURITY

Most Americans believe their computers are protected against viruses and spyware, but scans found many had outdated or disabled security software, according to a survey by McAfee, a security software maker, and the National Cyber Security Alliance. While 87 percent of those surveyed said they had anti-virus software, only one-half had updated the software in the past month. Although 73 percent said they had a firewall, nine percent had not enabled it, and although 70 percent said they had anti-spyware software, 15 percent had not enabled it. The survey also found that nine percent of the 378 people survey reported having had their identity stolen.

Source: NAAG Cybercrime Newsletter, September-October 2007

RIAA THREATENS 22 UNIVERSITIES' STUDENTS

In the eleventh wave of its anti-piracy initiative, the Recording Industry Association of America on December 6th sent pre-litigation letters in the following quantities to 22 schools alleging that campus networks are being used to commit copyright infringement. Each of the letters indicates that a particular student or employee of the university is about to be sued for copyright infringement. The letters offer an opportunity for those targeted to settle out of court at a "discounted rate," using a special web site that allows them to settle their claims online. The list of universities receiving letters and the number of letters for each is: Morehead State University (17), Western Kentucky University (19), Auburn University (13), Brandeis University (12), Georgia Institute of

Technology (16), Gustavus Adolphus College (36), Indiana State University (18), Iowa State University (13), Ithaca College (15), Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (16), Louisiana Tech University (15), Mississippi State University (15), Rochester Institute of Technology (12), University of Arizona (14), University of California, Davis (14), University of California, San Diego (17), University of California, Santa Cruz (24), University of Dayton (16), University of Massachusetts at Amherst (30), University of Rochester (15), University of Southern California (33), and University of Washington (16).

Source: http://tinyurl.com/2alg2q

STUDY PROFILES IDENTITY THIEVES

According to a new study of Secret Service cases, 42.5 percent of identify thieves are between the ages of 25 and 34, with another 18 percent between the ages of 18 and 24. The study also found that twothirds of the identity thieves were male, and nearly onequarter of the offenders were born outside of the U.S. Researchers from the Center for Identity Management and Information Protection at Utica College reviewed 517 cases closed by the Secret Service between 2000 and 2006 for the

study, which was funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. They found that two-thirds of the cases were concentrated in the Northeast and South, and that 80 percent of the cases involved an offender working alone or with a single partner. There were 933 defendants in the 517 cases, and 609 of them said they initiated their crime by stealing fragments of personal identifying information, as opposed to stealing entire documents. The study also found that most of the offenses were committed by nonemployees who victimized strangers. Employee offenders were the offenders in only one-third of the cases, and of that one-third, 40 percent were employed in a retail business and 20 percent worked in the financial services industry. The full study can be accessed at http://tinyurl.com/2fvtnp.

Source: NAAG Cybercrime Newsletter, September-October 2007

PRESS RELEASES

Marshall County Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Attempted Possession of Child Pornography Press Release Date: November 1, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/ytf879

Ralph Keene, Hardin, Kentucky, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. Keene pled guilty and admitted he sent a letter to an undercover postal agent ordering child pornography movies.

Jefferson County Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges Press Release Date: October 19,2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/2kenaw

Danny Lee Philips, Louisville, Kentucky, was arrested and charged with receiving and possessing child pornography. As a result of the search warrant, approximately two dozen girls' panties, various sexual lubricants and three CD's containing images depicting child pornography were found.

Louisville Man Sentenced for Child Pornography Crimes Press Release Date: October 11, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/2vo633

Darrell Adwell, Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 5 years 10 months imprisonment for distributing and possessing images of child pornography. An investigation revealed that Adwell was trading images of child pornography with an individual in San Francisco.

PRESS RELEASES (Cont.)

Jefferson County Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

Press Release Date: October 11, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/ynm7c4

Marc Burton, Louisville, Kentucky, was arrested and charged with receiving and possessing child pornography. Recovered as a result of the search warrant were images and videos.

Louisville Man Pleads Guilty to Transporting and Receiving Sexually Explicit Materials Involving Minors

Press Release Date: October 11, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/2cmyxx

James McIntire, Louisville, Kentucky, pled guilty to charges of transporting, receiving and possessing child pornography. McIntire admitted that he transported and received by Internet, via computer, visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Louisville Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Using Cell Phone to Attempt to Entice a 14-year-old Girl to Engage in Sexual Intercourse with Him

Press Release Date: October 10, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/2e2hjf

Joseph Turner, Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for attempting to persuade, induce, or entice a minor to engage in sexual activity. Turner and the intended victim discussed, "on-line," engaging in sexual activity. During the communications, Turner offered to provide a digital camera to take pictures while engaging in sexually explicit conduct and for the purpose of taking "sexy" pictures of herself, including naked pictures, to send to him after their meeting.

News Briefs

Girl Killed Herself Over Online Hoax Press Release Date: November 19, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/3bxwad

Dardenne Prairie, Missouri—Megan Meier thought she had made a new friend in cyberspace when Josh contacted her on MySpace and began exchanging messages with her. However, Josh never existed; he was created by members of a neighborhood family that included a former friend of Megan's.

Back to School: Reading, Writing and Internet Safety

Press Release Date: November 8, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/2osrtb

Virginia—As students return to school in Virginia, there's something new in their curriculum. Virginia is the first state to require public schools to teach Internet safety. The mandate is in response to concerns about sex offenders and other adults preying on young people they've met through social networking Web sites such as MySpace. It's one of several steps states are taking to try to protect children and teenagers online.

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News Briefs (Cont.)

Kids, Parents Told Scary Examples of Online Threats Press Release Date: November 5, 2007

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Georgette Lilly, the victim-witness coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lexington, was one of several representatives from state and federal agencies who made presentations at Lexington's Second Presbyterian Church on the dangers of online child exploitation. The session was arranged under Project Safe Childhood, a federal effort aimed at combating the increasing problem of online exploitation of children. Youngsters and parents from Presbyterian churches in Lexington, Midway and Versailles were on hand at the session.

Internet Predator Under Arrest Press Release Date: October 17, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/32bdws

Greensburg, Kentucky—A Green County man is under arrest after police found evidence of a relationship with a minor. Timothy Richerson is accused of using the Internet to communicate with an under-aged female.

Facebook "fraud" Shows Need for Greater Caution Press Release Date: August 18, 2007

For the full story, click on: http://tinyurl.com/yqzk58

Canada—A new study has found that a startling number of people are willing to add a complete stranger as a friend on Facebook, suggesting our level of caution towards the networking site is not what it should be. During the study, a fake profile was created using the name "Freddi Staur" — a play on the word "fraudster" — and using a picture of a plastic frog who revealed little personal information about himself.

The Office of the Attorney General is committed to protecting consumers from unscrupulous business practices, making your government more open and accessible, curtailing the drug epidemic threatening the Commonwealth, representing your rights against utility companies' rate increases, and defending our most vulnerable citizens against Medicaid fraud, abuse and neglect. In addition, the Attorney General, as Kentucky's top law enforcement officer, has formed an I-Shield Task Force to get cybersafety information out to our schools and communities. A Cybersafety section has been added to the Attorney General's website with online tips and information to safeguard your children and computer from Internet threats including dangers such as cyberstalking and cyberbullying. Also included are tips on guarding against other dangers that lurk in cyberspace such as identity theft and Internet viruses and worms. Visit us at www.ag.ky.gov/cybersafety.